

REMARKS

Claims 4 and 8 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The Applicants appreciate the Examiner's continued attention and consideration.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to include all limitations of allowable claim 4.
Dependent claim 4 has been canceled.

New independent claim 12 corresponds with allowable claim 8, rewritten in independent form and containing all limitations of allowable claim 8, as well as intervening dependent claims 2 and 3. Dependent claim 8 has been canceled.

Accordingly, it is requested that the objection be withdrawn.

Claims 1 – 3, 5 – 7 and 9 – 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Nishikawa et al. (U.S. 5,166,693).

As set forth hereinabove, independent claim 1 has been amended to place it in allowable form. Furthermore, claims 2, 3 and 5 – 7 depend, directly or indirectly, from allowable claim 1 and are also deemed to be allowable.

Independent claim 9 has been amended to recite, "*A method for improving antenna radiation characteristics, comprising the steps of: ... providing the wire antenna element with a height and off-centering from a central area of the antenna unit such that nulls*

of a terrestrial signal polarization pattern are directed toward a passenger compartment of a vehicle ...”.

As amended, claim 9 substantially mimics allowable article claim 1, and is deemed to be in allowable form for the reasons set forth hereinabove. Claims 10 and 11 depend, directly or indirectly, from allowable claim 9 and are also deemed to be allowable.

Accordingly, in view of the amendments, it is requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

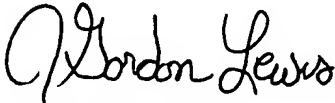
Conclusion

Applicants believe, in view of the amendments and remarks herein, that all grounds of rejection of the claims have been addressed and overcome, and that all claims are in condition for allowance.

If it would further prosecution of the application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication and/or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-0831.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. Gordon Lewis". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and contact information.

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